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June 9, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
ALISO CANYON ROAD OVER GLEASON CANYON CREEK
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Aliso Canyon Road over Gleason Canyon Creek, in the vicinity of Acton(5), at an estimated cost between \$1,400,000 and \$1,600,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on July 19, 2005.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

5. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost, to approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds submitted by the contractor, and to deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for the construction of a post tensioned concrete box girder bridge, asphalt concrete pavement on base material, guardrail, and other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide for the replacement of a bridge destroyed by the Crown Fire, restoring the regional transportation system and providing access to the Angeles National Forest.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$1,400,000 and \$1,600,000.

This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) Program covered by Agreement 71078, with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. The balance of funding will be financed from the Fifth District's Road Construction Program. This project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

Federal Highway Administration procedures prohibit advertising any project in which they participate in the cost prior to the administering agency receiving authorization to advertise.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contractual provisions provide for the contractor to be eligible to earn an early completion incentive of \$5,000 per calendar day up to a maximum of \$150,000. The project specifications include this incentive to encourage the contractor to complete the project earlier.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2 (e), of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15302 (c), of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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On December 19, 2000, your Board adopted a program for the use of small minority and women-owned businesses on federally funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). To be eligible for award of this contract, bidders must subcontract at least 15 percent of the work to DBEs or demonstrate a good faith effort to meet this goal.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project is to be completed in 135 calendar days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2005, and be completed in January 2006.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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County Counsel
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